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Origin - PITTSBURGH

Report Made At	Date	Period	Report Made By
PITTSBURGH	6-28-54	6-14-17-54	[redacted]

Title	Character of Case
COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE - PITTSBURGH DIVISION	INTERNAL SECURITY

SYNOPSIS:

[redacted] 67D

Out of 15 NAACP branches in Western Pennsylvania [redacted] 67C 67D

[redacted] Out of 19 NAACP branches located in West Virginia [redacted] NAACP branches and officers located in Western Pennsylvania. and West Virginia set out herein.

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DETAILS: AT PITTSBURGH, PA.

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For the sake of brevity, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will be referred to throughout this report as the NAACP.

I. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT

A. GENERAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE NAACP IN WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

[redacted] b2 b7D

It is to be noted that the Communist Party - USA, hereinafter referred to as the CP, and the Civil Rights Congress have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted] b2 b7D

B. PRESENT NAACP OFFICERS IN WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA AND THEIR COMMUNISTIC TENDENCIES AND SUBVERSIVE AFFILIATIONS

Out of fifteen NAACP branches located in Western Pennsylvania [redacted] b7C b7D

The fifteen NAACP branches located in Western Pennsylvania, the branch officers and their addresses when available, [redacted] furnished by [redacted] b7D

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[redacted] b7D b7C

Beaver Valley Branch

ARTHUR B. HAYES, President, [redacted]

OSCAR JOHNSON, Secretary, [redacted]

Blairsville Branch

WADE ROY, President, [redacted]

MRS. MAE PATTERSON, Secretary, [redacted]

Cardale Branch

GEORGE CARTER, President, [redacted]

MRS. OLIVIA WYNN, Secretary, [redacted] b7C

Clairton Branch

GEORGE W. MARTIN, President, [redacted]

MRS. EDNA CARR, Secretary, [redacted]

Connellsville Branch

REV. FRED D. WILKES, President, [redacted]

ELMER COLE, Secretary, [redacted]

Erie Branch

MR. JESSE THOMPSON, President, [redacted]

MRS. MARY M. FOULKE, Secretary, [redacted]

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[redacted]

Holidaysburg Branch

REV. HARRY H. FLOOD, President, [redacted]

CHARLES R. BROWN, Secretary, [redacted]

Johnstown Branch

DR. B. K. JOHNSON, President, [redacted]

MRS. LILLIAN McHENRY, Secretary, [redacted]

[redacted] b2 b7D

It is noted that the International Workers Order referred to above as the IWO has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted] b2 b7D b7C

Johnstown Branch

MRS. MARY SEDGEWICK, President, [redacted]

MRS. MARGARET ROLAND, Secretary, [redacted]

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[redacted]

It is noted that the Congress of American Women has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Meadville Branch

REV. S. T. DAVIS, President, [redacted]

MRS. O. E. HAWKINS, Secretary, [redacted]

Midland Branch

REV. H. GOODMAN, President, [redacted]

MISS LILLIE STIGGINS, Secretary, [redacted] b7C

Monongahela Valley Branch

HARRY K. McCRAW, President, [redacted]

MRS. EVELYN FAIRFAX, Secretary, [redacted]

New Castle Branch

JOHN CAMPBELL, President, [redacted]

MISS CORRINE GARSIDE, Secretary, [redacted]

Pittsburgh Branch

Address: 1001 Kyle Avenue, Pittsburgh 19, Pa.

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Judge [illegible]ER S. BROWN, honorary president

Attorney RICHARD F. JONES, president, [redacted]

Rev. SAMUEL L. [illegible]PER, first vice-president, [redacted]

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[redacted]

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BOYD L. WILSON, second vice-president

MISS MAUDE Y. HAWKINS, recording secretary

MRS. FLORENCE BELL JONES, corresponding secretary

[redacted]

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JOHN GARY JONES, treasurer

MRS. MARION B. JORDON, executive secretary, [redacted]

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Sewickley Branch

LEWIS N. HARRIS, president, [redacted]

MISS HELEN B. TURNER, Secretary, [redacted]

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II. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE IN WEST VIRGINIA

A. GENERAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE NAACP IN WEST VIRGINIA

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[redacted]

B. PRESENT NAACP OFFICERS IN WEST VIRGINIA AND THEIR SUBVERSIVE AFFILIATIONS

Out of 19 NAACP branches located in West Virginia, [redacted] b7C b7D

The 19 NAACP branches located in West Virginia, the branch officers and their addresses, as furnished by [redacted] b2 b7D b7C

Bluefield Branch

REV. C. ANDERSON DAVIS, President, [redacted] MISS FLORENCE M. WHEELER, [redacted] b7C

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Charleston Branch

WILLARD L. BROWN, president [redacted] MISS MARY L. WILLIAMS, secre[redacted]

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Fayette District Branch

RUSSELL MATTHEW, President [redacted] MRS. CORDELIA TOLES - MUSE, Secretary [redacted]

Huntington Branch

ANDREW McDADE, president [redacted] JOHN A. BARNES, secretary [redacted]

Kimball Branch

M. S. ENDERS, vice-president, [redacted] MISS HILDRED SMITH, secretary, [redacted] b7C

Logan Branch

MRS. MAE HALSEY, President, [redacted] CHARLES E. PRICE, secretary, [redacted]

Marion Branch

DEWEY W. FOX, president [redacted] MRS. THELMA WALLACE, secretary [redacted]

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Martinsburg Branch

ERNEST [redacted]ROUGH, president, [redacted]

Montgomery Branch

MRS. J. B. WILKERSON, president, [redacted]

MRS. LILLIE S. HALL, secretary, [redacted]

Parkersburg Branch

REV. C. B. W. GORDON, JR., president, [redacted]

MRS. ERNESTINE L. PETERS, secretary, [redacted]

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Raleigh Branch

REV. H. E. DAVIS, president [redacted]

MISS BEULAH ANDERSON, secretary, [redacted]

Wheeling Branch

President: vacant

MRS. MARGARET JOHNS, secretary, [redacted]

The following are inactive branches located in West Virginia:

Brooke Branch

REV. F. J. BRIDGES, president [redacted]

MRS. MABEL ALDRIDGE, secretary, [redacted]

Charles Town Branch

REV. L. A. BYSOH, vice-president, [redacted]

MRS. ODETTE BERRY, secretary, [redacted]

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Grafton Branch

J. MRS. [redacted] WRIGHT, president,

Kingston Branch

MRS. ROSIE HALEY, president, [redacted]

MRS. MARGARET MOSLEY, secretary, [redacted]

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Monongalia Branch

RAYMOND RATCLIFFE, president, [redacted]

MISS CHRISTINE E. MOSBY, secretary, [redacted]

Williamson Branch

REV. D. R. PERKINS, president, [redacted]

ELBERT HAIRSTON, secretary, [redacted]

Lorado Branch

No officers at this time.

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THE PITTSBURGH DIVISION

AT PITTSBURGH, PA. (ALLEGHENY COUNTY)

Will follow and report the activities of the NAACP.

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, 4/13/54 b7C

METHODIST C
1 College Avenue
BLUEFIELD, WEST VIRGINIA

[redacted] b7C

[redacted] b7C

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

I am [redacted] at Trinity Methodist Church, Bluefield, W.Va. As such I am asked to co-operate in community planning and various organizations. b7C

Recently we were asked to join the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. I and one of the youth in my church did so. Since that time various people have told us this organiztion is listed as subversive by the army. We do not desire to have our names a part of such an organization if this is true.

I would appreciate it if you would write me if this organization is listed on a subversive list, why, and when. So that we may remove our names if necessary.

[redacted]

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Trinity Methodist Church
401 College Avenue
Bluefield, West Virginia

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Dear [redacted] b7C

Your letter postmarked June 19, 1954, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I would like to point out also that this Bureau is strictly a fact-finding agency and does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization or individual.

I know you will understand the reason for these rules and will not infer either that we do or that we do not have the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: There are innumerable references and main files in Records Section relating to the NAACP. Cordial correspondence has been had with Walter White, Executive Secretary of this group, and he has always taken an apparent stand against Communistic elements infiltrating his group.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 5/28/54

FROM : SAC Atlanta

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SUBJECT: [redacted] b7c

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For the Bureau's information, it should be noted that following the above mentioned Supreme Court decision, Negro leaders of the NAACP met in Atlanta, at which time th[illegible]

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announced they would immediately seek an end to segregation without waiting for further action by the Supreme Court. Considerable publicity has appeared in the Atlanta newspapers concerning this matter, as well as the Supreme Court decision, and it is believed that there may be other letters of this type received in the future by Negroes prominently identified with the NAACP and anti-segregation movement.

No further action is being taken by this office.

Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

June 8, 1954

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
UNKNOWN VICTIMS, ANONYMOUS LETTER
RECEIVED BY [redacted]
ATLANTA, GEORGIA,
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It may be noted that following the decision by the Supreme Court on segregation in public schools, leaders for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People met in Atlanta, Georgia. At that time they announced they would immediately seek an end to segregation without waiting further action by the Supreme Court.

The above is being submitted for your information and no investigation will be initiated by this Bureau unless specifically directed by you.

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Attachment

1 - SAC, Atlanta (SEE NOTE NEXT PAGE)

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NOTE: [redacted]

Your office should alert your informants on conditions of this type so that they will readily pass on any information coming to their attention regarding possible action along racial lines.

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CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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DETAILED At Anchorage, Alaska

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The CP, USA, has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 10450.

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With reference to the interview with [redacted]

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Informants:

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Leads

THE ANCHORAGE DIVISION

At Anchorage, Alaska

Will continue to follow and report any further evidence of Communist infiltration of the NAACP.

Reference: Report of SA [redacted] dated April 15, 1954 at Anchorage.

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SAC, Philadelphia (100-9778) CONFIDENTIAL June 11, 1954

Director, FBI (61-3176)

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT
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INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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It is desired that in the future when information of this type is received, it is furnished the Bureau under the appropriate case caption of this communication. You are instructed to remain alert to the progress being made by the Party in this regard and promptly advise the Bureau and the New York Office of all pertinent developments.

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TITLE: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE - HOUSTON DIVISION			CHARACTER OF CASE: INTERNAL SECURITY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Informant advises WALTER WHITE, NAACP National Executive Secretary, gave speech at Houston 4/25/54 at NAACP "Freedom Mass Meeting"; [redacted] b7D b1 [redacted] Two informants state they know of no CP infiltration of Houston branch NAACP. [redacted] b7D Informants advise no evidence of CP infiltration NAACP Beaumont, Orange, Port Arthur, Galveston, Texas branches.

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DETAILS: AT HOUSTON, TEXAS:

b2 b7D [redacted] that on April 25, 1954, a meeting called the "Freedom Mass Meeting" was held at the Antioch Baptist Church, 313 Robin, and the main speaker was WALTER WHITE, National Executive Secretary, NAACP, New York City. Informant advised that the meeting was a part of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People's current "Crusade

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for Freedom" and was sponsored by the Texas State Confe[illegible] of the National Association for Advancement of Colored [illegible]. Informant said that A. MACEO SMITH, Executive Secretary [illegible] NAACP of Texas, residing in Dallas, Texas, presided at the meeting.

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AT McNAIR, TEXAS:

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[redacted] that although he was not a member of the NAACP, he knew that the McNair branch of NAACP

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meets on the first and second day of each month at a [redacted] Dallas Street in McNair. [redacted]

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[redacted]. He stated that he did not know who the leader of the group was. He advised that there were some white persons, names unknown, who attended the meetings. Informant stated that he did not know the names of any other persons attending these meetings. Informant stated that he did not know any of the business that was transacted at these meetings or the purpose thereof.

b7C [redacted]

b1 [redacted]

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b7D [redacted] did not know who was the present leader of the NAACP branch at McNair and had no knowledge of any NAACP meetings which might have been held in recent years.

AT GALVESTON, TEXAS:

b2 [redacted] advised Special Agent [redacted] on May 19, 1954, that
b7D he knew of no attempt by the Communist Party to infiltrate the NAACP in the Galveston area.

AT BEAUMONT, TEXAS:

b7C [redacted] advised Special Agent [redacted] in June, 1954, that as far as he could determine, there was no Communist infiltration of the NAACP chapters in Beaumont, Port Arthur, or

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Orange, Texas, although he advised that NAACP, in his [illegible], would be a prime target for Communist infiltration.

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HOUSTON OFFICE

AT McNAIR, TEXAS:

Will follow and report further activities of the NAACP branch there, and attempt to ascertain the leaders and present members thereof.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] at Houston, b7C dated 4/19/54.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK 6/30/54

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DIRECTOR, FBI (61-3176)

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE; INTERNAL SECURITY - C. AS BUREAU AWARE, NATIONAL CONVENTION NAACP BEGINNING DALLAS THIS DATE. LEADING FUNCTIONARIES HAVE BEEN IN CITY SEVERAL DAYS. WALTER WHITE, ET AL, BEING QUOTED IN NEWSPAPER ARTICLES PRIMARILY IN CONNECTION WITH SUPREME COURT NON-SEGREGATION DECISION. NEWSPAPER ITEMS INDICATE COLORED DELEGATES WILL BE QUARTERED IN PRIVATE HOMES. NO INCIDENTS REPORTED TO DATE.

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TO : Director, FBI (61-3176)

DATE: July 3, 1954

FROM : SAC, Memphis (100-3226)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
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On May 24, 1954, an article appeared in the Nashville Tennessean, a Nashville newspaper, under the by-line of WALLACE WESTFELDT, Staff Correspondent, to the effect that the NAACP in the Southeast planned to ask school boards of the various states for integration into schools. In this article a statement of THURGOOD MARSHALL, counsel for the NAACP was set forth. He stated, "We are instructing all of our branches in every affected area to petition their local school boards to abolish segregation without delay and to assist these agencies in working out ways and means of implementing the court's ruling." Referring to a quotation appearing in an editorial of the Nashville Tennessean on the supreme court decision on May 18, 1954 to the effect that he, MARSHALL, favored a "gradual" changeover, MARSHALL said, "Some people's definition of gradual is 'never'. Mine makes allowances for normal and natural delays, but this does not include artificially-created delays."

Subsequently in the same article it was stated that Dr. LEE LORCH, Chairman of the Mathematics Department, Fisk University, Vice-President of the NAACP conference, cited as an example of how things will run the unanimous decision of the Nashville city council the preceding week to abolish segregation in the Berry Field Restaurant, Berry Field being the Nashville Municipal Airport. LORCH was quoted as follows, "This was a significant act, not only was it a unanimous decision, but it brought no unfavorable public comment. That's one thing that has been pleasing about the receipt of the decision in Tennessee. I haven't heard of one crack-pot comment." LORCH was quoted in the article as stating the Nashville Chapter of NAACP would meet on the evening of May 25, 1954, to discuss the sessions of the meeting of the NAACP which was held in Atlanta, Georgia.

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On June 11, 1954, an article appeared in the Nashville Banner, a daily newspaper published in Nashville, carrying photographs of ROBERT W. REMPFER and LEE LORCH. This article related that LORCH and REMPFER and their wives had appeared before a meeting of the Nashville City School Board on the night of June 10, 1954, and requested the right to enroll their children at Pearl Elementary School this fall. It will be noted that Pearl School is one of the negro schools, whereas LORCH and REMPFER are both white. LORCH stated Pearl was the only school within walking distance and argued that under the U.S. Supreme Court's recent ruling holding segregation in the public school systems unconstitutional, the City School Board eventually must admit his child to Pearl. Their request was denied pending an additional Supreme Court ruling passed with the lone dissent of COYNESS ENNIX, negro lawyer and school board member. Assisting them in their argument was a negro lawyer named AVON WILLIAMS, JR. Both ENNIX and WILLIAMS are members of the Executive Board of the Nashville Chapter of the NAACP.

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Pursuant to Bureau letter to New York dated February 10, 1954, the above information is being forwarded to the Bureau and New York as it appears that this may indicate a pattern to be followed by the Communists in the NAACP with regard to the segregation issue raised by the recent Supreme Court procedure. It appears that LORCH and REMPFER are attempting to create an incident by attempting to enroll their children in a colored school in Nashville where the state law still requires segregation and where there has been no specific court ruling.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (61-3176) DATE: 7/8/54

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (100-937)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE IS - C

Rerep of SA [redacted] Charlotte, dated 67C April 10, 1954.

For the information of the Bureau, referenced report was carried in pending status pending investigation of leads within the Charlotte Division; however, report in this matter will not be submitted until October 15, 1954, in accordance with Bureau instructions that semi-annual reports be submitted.

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Reurlet July 8, 1954, advising that captioned case is carried in a pending status in your office; however, a report in this matter will not be submitted until October 15, 1954.

For your information Bureau letter dated February 10, 1954, setting forth instructions concerning the investigation regarding captioned matter did not in any way change existing Bureau rules concerning the submission of reports wherein an investigation is still pending. You are instructed to immediately submit a report in captioned matter. Thereafter, you should also carry out instructions as contained in referenced Bureau letter dated February 10, 1954, concerning the attempt being made by the Communist Party to infiltrate the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

2cc - New York (For Information)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (61-3176) DATE: 7-16-54

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE (100-3070)

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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE IS - C

Rebulet to New York 2-10-54.
Knoxville letter to Bureau 4-15-54.

This is to advise that since my last report confidential informants, who are acquainted with Communist members in the Knoxville Division, have furnished no information pertaining to Communist infiltration of the NAACP.

This matter will be followed, and any information pertinent will be immediately forwarded to the Bureau and New York.

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NEW YORK, NY 7/14/54

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TO : Director, FBI (61-3176) DATE: 7/19/54

FROM : SAC, New York (100-7629)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE IS-C

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Enclosed herewith are six copies of the report of SA [redacted] dated 7/19/54, at New York.

This is to advise that because of the comprehensive nature of this report, dissemination is being made of instant report either to other Bureau [illegible] local intelligence agencies pending a reply from the Bureau.

The [illegible] recommends that this report be disseminated to the following field offices: Phoenix, San Francisco, Denver, New Haven, Chicago, Springfield, Baltimore, Detroit, Newark, Albany and Memphis, which offices have indicated greater efforts on the part of the CP to infiltrate those branches of the NAACP within their division.

For the information of the Bureau, the stencils of this report are being retained for a three week period pending the Bureau's reply.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) incorporated under NYS Membership Laws, 6/19/11. Stated aims, objectives, history and officers set forth. Informant reports NAACP operates approximately 1000 branches throughout 40 of the 48 states. Reported a total membership of about 200,000. NAACP leaders denounce Communism and reveal awareness of the CP to infiltrate and "Push" CP line. [redacted] Contents of article "The NAACP Convention" in November 1953 issue of "Political Affairs" set forth. [redacted]. Instant organization considered by the CP as a "Prime Organization" and an "Umbrella to get out of the rain". Indications of CP to infiltrate and dominate the NAACP Branches throughout the United States and its territories set forth.

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DETAILS: For purpose of brevity, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will henceforth in this report be referred to as the NAACP; in like manner, the Communist Party as the CP and the Communist Political Association as the CPA.

All Informants utilized in this report are of known reliability, unless otherwise indicated.

The CP and CPA have been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

NATIONAL SECTION

Organization

Origin

From a pamphlet publicly distributed by the NAACP entitled "How The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Began", a history was obtained. This pamphlet was made available by [redacted] b2

The NAACP was born when MARY WHITE OVINGTON, its first member, met with WILLIAM ENGLISH WALLING, a columnist, during the first week of January, 1909, in a small room of a New York apartment.

The first conference was held on the evening of May 30, 1909, at Cooper Union, New York City. Over 1000 guests were invited and the initial conference was considered a success.

It was not until the second conference held in May, 1910, that the group organized a permanent body to be known as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Its first officers were listed as follows:

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MOORFIELD STOREY, National President;
WILLIAM ENGLISH WALLING, Chairman of the Executive Committee;
JOHN E. MILHOLLAND, Treasurer;
OSWALD GARRISON VILLARD, Disbursing Treasurer;
FRANCES BLASCOER, Executive Secretary;
Dr. W.E.B. DU BOIS, Director of Publicity and Research

In November of 1910, the first edition of the NAACP magazine "The Crisis" was printed with Dr. DU BOIS as its editor.

[redacted] Dr. DU BOIS was known to the Informant to be a member of the CP as of 1945. b2 b7D

Stated Aims and Objectives

A review of the Certificate of Incorporation at the Hall of Records, New York County, Clerk's Office, on May 11, 1954, revealed that the NAACP filed its Certificate for Incorporation under the New York State Membership Corporation Laws on June 19, 1911.

The principal objects for which the Corporation was formed are:

To promote equality of rights and eradicate caste or race prejudice among the citizens of the United States.

To advance the interest of colored citizens.

To secure for them impartial sufferage.

To increase their opportunities for securing justice in the courts, education for their children, employment according to their ability, and complete equality before the law.

To ascertain and publish all facts bearing upon these subjects and to take any lawful action

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thereon; together with any and all things which may lawfully be done by a membership corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York for the further advancement of these objects.

To take, receive, hold, convey, mortgage or assign all such real estate and personal property as may be necessary for the purposes of the corporation.

The territory in which the operations of the corporation are principally to be conducted, shall be the United States of America.

The principal office of the corporation and the center of its operations shall be in the City, County, and State of New York; but the directors may establish branch or auxiliary offices elsewhere in the United States for the purpose of carrying on the work of the corporation, each to be managed by its local organization under such powers as lawfully may be prescribed in the by-laws of the corporation.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be 30. The names and places of residence of the persons to be Directors of the Corporation until its first annual meeting were as follows:

Mr. MOORFIELD STOREY, 735 Exchange Building, Boston, Massachussetts

Mr. JOHN E. MILHOLLAND, Hotel Manhattan, New York, N.Y.

BISHOP ALEXANDER WALTERS, 208 West 349th Street, New York, N.Y.

Mr. OSWALD GARRISON VILLARD, 20 Vesey Street, New York, N.Y.

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Mr. WALTER E. SACHS, 30 Wall Street, New York, N

Dr. WILLIAM E.B. DU BOIS, 1233 West 63rd Street, New York, N.Y.

MARY WHITE OVINGTON, Hotel St. George, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Rev. WILLIAM H. BROOKS, 231 West 53rd Street, New York, N.Y.

Dr. JOHN LOVEJOY ELLIOTT, Ethical Culture Society, New York, N.Y.

Mr. THOMAS EWING, Jr., 67 Wall Street, New York, NY

Rev. JOHN HAYNES HOLMES, 28 Garden Place, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Mrs. FLORENCE KELEY, 105 East 22nd Street, New York, N.Y.

Mr. PAUL KENNADAY, 640 Madison Avenue, New York, NY

Mrs. MARY D. MC LEAN, 259 West 92nd Street, New York, N.Y.

Rev. A. CLAYTON POWELL, 255 West 134th Street, New York, N.Y.

Mr. CHARLES EDWARD RUSSELL, Hotel Braztell, New York, N.Y.

Prof. JOEL E. SPINGARN, 9 W. 73rd Street, New York, N.Y.

Miss LILLIAN D. WALD, 265 Henry Street, New York, N.Y.

Mr. WILLIAM ENGLISH WALLING, Hotel Bravoort, New York, N.Y.

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Mrs. IDA B. WELLS BARNETT, 3235 Rhodes Avenue,
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Mrs. FRANCES R. KEYSER, 217 E. 86th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Dr. CHARLES E. BENTLEY, 100 State Street,
Chicago, Illinois

Dr. NOAH F. MOSSELL, 143 Lombard Street,
Chicago, Illinois

Dr. WILLIAM A. SINCLAIR, 1221 Pine Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Mrs. MARY CHURCH TERRELL, 326 T. Street,
Nw, Washington, D.C.

Rev. J. MILTON WALDRON, 1334 V Street,
Washington, D.C.

A Certificate of Increase of Directors for the NAACP was filed on March 31, 1919 increasing the number of Directors to 40.

An additional Certificate was filed July 14, 1941, resolving that the number of Directors shall be not less than 30 and not more than 48.

National Headquarters

According to the current listing of the Manhattan Telephone Directory, the NAACP National

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Offices are located at 20 West 40th Street, New York City.

Officers for 1954

[redacted] made available a list of National Officers, Executive Officers and Board of Directors for the year 1954 as follows:

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National Officers

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[redacted] the officers of the NAACP are elected annually and for the most part offer their services with no compensation. According to this informant, the NAACP operates approximately 1000 branches throughout 40 of the 48 United States. b2, b7D

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It is to be noted that the National Council of American Soviet Friendship was designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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(U) - [redacted] he knew MARY MC LEOD BETHUNE as a noted Negro editor. According to this informant, Mrs. BETHUNE worked with the Communists for some years in such institutions as the Southern Negro Youth Congress and eventually became an adherent of the CP. The informant stated that there is some doubt as to whether Mrs. BETHUNE has continued this close association in the receent past.

The Southern Negro Yough Congress has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

(U) [redacted] b2, b7D b7C was listed as a sponsor for the National Council of American Soviet Friendship.

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According to the National Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report No. 378, dated April 25, 1951, page 54, the Committee for Peaceful Alternatives evolved from a Conference for Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact and its purpose was to further the cause of "Communists in the United States", doing "their part in the Moscow campaign."

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The National Lawyers Guild was cited by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Report of 1950, as a Communist front which "is the foremost legal bulwark of the CP, its front organizations, and controlled unions", and which "since its inception has

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never failed to rally to the legal defense of the CP and individual members thereof including known espionage agents."

The "Daily Worker" issue of November 7, 1942, page 2, column 3, contained remarks from THEODORE SPAULDING, President of the Philadelphia Branch of the NAACP, paying tribute to the Soviet Union on the celebration of its 25th anniversary.

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The November, 1953 issue of "Political Affairs" contained an article entitled "The N.A.A.C.P Convention" by

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one HUGH BRADLEY. The article is an extract from the report on Negro Work delivered at a National Conference of the CP.

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, testifying in the case "U.S. vs. ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, et al", on October 20, 1952, stated that "Political Affairs" has been the theoretical organ of the CP since the publication's beginning in 1945.

The article pays tribute to the NAACP as the most important Negro organization dedicated to the fight for Negro equality.

In the past, states the article, the NAACP has witnessed a consistent and steady growth in the influence not only among the Negro people, but in the labor movement and among other progressive strata of Americans. It is increasingly becoming a coordinating center for all major organizations among the Negro people and the pivot for the furtherance of the Negro-Labor Alliance. The NAACP has over 200,000 members, reflecting all classes among Negroes and representing the struggle towards unity of the Negro people. At the same time, it typifies the continued dominance of Negro life by the Negro petty bourgeoisie.

According to the article, these factors were strongly revealed at the 44th National Convention of the NAACP held in St. Louis, Missouri, in June of 1953. The convention was held against the background of a new political situation in the country, following closely upon the advent of the Eisenhower Administration. It convened at a time when the hope for peace was rising in the hearts of humanity everywhere, but when, at the same time, the pro-Fascist offensive of the Mc Carthyites had already marked menacing proportions, and when the reign of terror against the Negro people continued unabated. Manifestly, the Negro people were looking to this convention for clear leadership on the vital issues facing them, and expected a call for united and militant action in their behalf.

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The convention lived up to this expectation by adopting a general progressive program on such questions as compulsory FEPC, housing, and an end to Jim Crow in education and in the railroad industry. The delegates associated themselves with the growing movement against Mc Carthyism, calling an end to the book-burning, taking a forthright stand in defense of academic freedom, and demanding a revision of the Mc Carran - Walter Immigration Act, as well as revision of the Loyalty Program. A positive stand was taken in defense of the labor movement; there was a call for Labor-Negro collaboration and the branches and their members were urged to work with the unions in their community.

In arguing persuasively for greater Negro-Labor cooperation, a resolution was adopted at the convention which pointed out:

"Organized labor is an important pioneer center in American life today. The support and cooperation of the American Labor Movement for the Civil Rights Program of the N.A.C.P is extremely important and in certain situations perhaps even decisive. We urge our branches and state conferences whenever possible to seek the support of responsible trade unions for measures that we favor and in turn give our support to such measures supported by organized labor as are consistent with our policy and program."

The program on Foreign Policy adopted by the convention also showed an advance. While still weak in several respects, it represents an important departure from that of the 43rd Convention. In contrast to the almost 100% endorsement of the Truman Foreign Policy a year ago, this convention refused to give such blanket support to the Dulles-Eisenhower conduct of foreign affairs.

The 44th Convention urged the planning and execution of a Civil Rights mobilization in Washington, D.C., and voted to welcome "in the mobilization, the cooperation and support of bona fide organizations genuinely at one with us on our stated objective".

Another important feature was the militant participation of the youth and the overwhelming support given to the Youth Program by the adult delegates. The convention launched a program to rid America of Jim Crow and to win the total integration of Negroes by 1963, the 100th anniversary of the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation.

The article revealed that there were serious weaknesses which evolved from the 44th Convention deliberations. Certain negative and harmful resolutions were adopted which run counter to the progressive and positive ones, and which can only be harmful to the Negro movement.

The article criticized the closing address to the Convention delivered by Mr. WALTER WHITE, Executive Secretary of the NAACP. The address was characterized throughout by a fawning attitude which called for complete confidence in and support for the Eisenhower Administration, an administration whose policies are generating further anti Negro measures in the country. WHITE stated that EISENHOWER is an unwilling prisoner of his own cabinet, his party and Congress, and, if the President has failed to do more on the Negro question, it is because he "has been so absorbed with war and foreign problems."

In addition to surrendering to the Eisenhower Administration on the Negro question, WALTER WHITE'S address included an orgy of Red-baiting and anti-Communist slander that is rare even for these times. According to the author, WHITE falsely proclaimed that war and Communism are the two factors which plague the modern world. WHITE stated, "We don't want the Communists running our affairs."

In addition, the article depicted that at no time did the convention approve of Mr. WHITE'S pro-Eisenhower speech, and it was the opinion of many observers that a majority of the delegates were definitely opposed to the Eisenhower Administration. The address by

WHITE was additionally characterized as "the major weakness and most negative feature of the 44th Convention of the NAACP". The capitulation by the top leadership to the Eisenhower Administration and the orgy of Red-baiting never before was equalled in any Negro gathering.

The author furnishes an explanation for the inconsistent and contradictory policy adopted by the convention - a policy which calls at the same time for struggle and surrender, for anti-Mc Carthyism and Red-baiting, for support to the National Independence Movement of Africans and Condemnation of Mau Mau "Violence". The answer is found in the composition of the convention and its leadership, made up of the Negro middle class and petty bourgoisie.

The article concludes by stating that the Negro workers in the main were absent; progressives and Communists, in the main, were absent. Therefore, the reformist leadership of WALTER WHITE was not basically challenged and he maintained an iron-fist control over every aspect of the deliberations. The negative features of the convention constituted a prime example of the vacillating role being played today by the Negro petty bourgoisie and of the continuing subordination of the Negro workers to the bourgoisie in the Negro Liberation Movement.

The programs adopted by the NAACP and other major Negro organizations reflect the striving for unity on the part of the Negro people. The fight for jobs and FEPC, Negro representation and right-to-vote movement in the South are indicative of unification.

The February, 1954 edition of "Political Affairs" carried an article entitled "On The Slogan Free By '63" by ABNER W. BERRY.

The "Daily Worker" issue of March 7, 1952, page 2, column 5, reported that ABNER W. BERRY is a Negro affairs editor of the "Daily Worker".

It is to be noted the "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper.

The article referred to in "Political Affairs" above reveals that the slogan was adopted at the 44th Annual Convention of the NAACP. To accompany this slogan, there was to be "a 10 year crusade" for freedom, which would be a summary of a program of action for Negro rights.

The article continued by referring a great deal to excerpts from the report to the National Conference of the CP by HUGH BRADLEY.

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In view of the recent United States Supreme Court decision regarding segregation in the American Public Schools,

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STATE AND LOCAL

There follows hereafter a summary of the efforts by the CP, USA, to infiltrate the NAACP. The information is submitted geographically by states and territories.

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At Birmingham

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The Informant advised that he is positive that the Communists have not infiltrated the NAACP in Birmingham at the present time. U

[redacted] He stated that to the best of his recollection he believes that both [redacted] and [redacted] are just nominal members of the NAACP and he is certain that they wielded very little influence in the organization. Informant recalls that [redacted] and [redacted] attended some of the large open meetings of the NAACP in Birmingham and tried to pass various resolutions. He also stated that he does recall that their efforts did not meet with success. U

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U [redacted] advised that he knows of no Communist infiltration in the NAACP at Birmingham or the immediate vicinity at the present time.

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At Mobile

Reliable informants and sources advised that there is no indication of current attempts by the CP to infiltrate the NAACP in the Mobile territory.

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At Anchorage

The January 16, 1954 issue of the "Alaska Spotlight", a Negro newspaper, contained the new officers of the Anchorage chapter of the NAACP, who were installed on January 15, 1954. This list of officers included GEORGE TALTON as Chairman of the Membership Committee.

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At Fairbanks

[redacted] another Government Agency which conducts intelligence and personnel investigations, advised that a charter was granted to a Fairbanks chapter of the NAACP on April 30, 1953. This Informant also made available a list of officers of this chapter. b2

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advised on April 12, 1954, that the officers of the NAACP in 1954 were identical as in 1953

Reliable sources reported that none of the officers of the Fairbanks Chapter were identified to be members or former members of the CP.

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Arizona

At Phoenix

Origin and Scope of the NAACP

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[redacted] advised that a new chapter of the NAACP had been formed in the Tempe-Okemah area. According to this informant, this new chapter is a reorganization of the original Okemah, Arizona Chapter.

Aims and Objectives

[redacted] another Governmental Agency which conducts personnel and security type investigations, advised in April, 1944 that a leaflet had been distributed by the Maricopa County Branch of the NAACP, Phoenix, Arizona, stating the purpose of the Maricopa Council, NAACP. The purposes are set forth as follows: b2

To educate America to accord full rights and opportunities to Negroes, to fight injustice in courts when based on race prejudices, to pass protective legislation in state and nation and divert discriminatory bills. To secure the vote for Negroes and teach its proper use; to stimulate the cultural life of Negroes; to stop lynchings.

CP Activities As Related to NAACP in Arizona

Phoenix Branch

[redacted] another Governmental Agency which conducts personnel and security type investigations, advised that on October 26, 1943 a meeting of the Phoenix Chapter of the NAACP was held with approximately 200 people in attendance. According to the Informant, only 3 CP members were in attendance at this meeting. Informant further advised that the CP members present at the meeting did not make any effort to have CP ideas brought up at this meeting.

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[redacted] advised that he was aware of the fact that members of the CP were making attempts b2 b7D

to infiltrate the Phoenix Chapter. Informant further advised that the officials and leaders of the Phoenix Chapter were taking all precautions in an effort to overcome the influence of the CP members who were also members of the NAACP.

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U [redacted] that a new chapter of the [redacted] organization had been formed in the Tempe-Okemah, Arizona area. The new group is made up of approximately 200 people and is headed by Mrs. R.B. PHILLIPS. The Informant is of the opinion that no CP members have infiltrated this group and Mrs. PHILLIPS and Dr. R.B. PHILLIPS are against CP infiltration of the NAACP.

Tucson Branch

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U [redacted] the Tucson Branch was divided into two groups, one group advocated principles of the CP, and another group was opposed to the CP. The Informant opined that it is the policy of the CP in Tucson to infiltrate and eventually control the NAACP Chapter located at Tucson.

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U [redacted] Informant stated that the leaders of the faction advocating the policies of the CP were not present at this meeting, and from all indications, apparently had abandoned their efforts in any attempt to control the Tucson Branch. U

Flagstaff Branch

An issue of the "Arizona Sun" newspaper in January, 1952, listed the officers of the Flagstaff

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At Little Rock

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California

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At San Francisco

Officers and CP Connections

Of the 41 officers listed for the various NAACP Branches in Northern California, 8 have been reported to be affiliated with the CP or CP front groups at various times. Of these 8, 2 are reported to now be anti-Communist and an additional 3 are no longer officers of the NAACP, 1 having been forced out of his position by NAACP leadership.

Attempts and Lack of Success in Infiltrating of the NAACP

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The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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The Labor Youth League has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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NAACP Program to Combat Communist Infiltration

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It is to be noted that the National Negro Labor Council, the California Labor School and the Socialist Workers Party have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Colorado

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Denver Branch

President of the Denver Branch is ALBERT S. FISHER. As of October 11, 1948 the letterhead of the Progressive Party of Colorado continued to list ALBERT S. FISHER as Vice President. b7C

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The first Vice President of the Denver Branch is ANTHONY MORTON. [redacted] b2 b7D

On July 10, 1945 the edition of the "Daily Worker" identified ANTHONY MORTON as chairman of the Harriette Tubman Club of the CPA.

The YCL has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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WILLIAM Z. FOSTER is National Chairman of the CP, USA.

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Colorado Springs Branch

The Secretary of the Colorado Springs Branch is NONA RUTH STODART.

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Pueblo Branch

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[redacted] reported in February, 1950, that the infiltration of the [redacted] had become a Communist objective.

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Hartford, Connecticut

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New Britain, Connecticut

[redacted] reported in December, 1951 that a group of individuals were members of the N[redacted]CP in New Britain whom the informant considered to be CP members. [redacted]

New Haven, Connecticut

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An article appeared in the "New Haven Register", a daily newspaper, issue of February 2, 1953, showing the new officers of the New Haven Chapter of the N.A.A.C.P. Included in the lists of members of the executive committee was the name of SOL FRIEDLER.

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Stamford, Connecticut

SAMUEL GRUBER, according to an issue of the "Stamford Advocate", a daily newspaper, is a member of the executive committee.

[redacted] The same issue of the January 11, 1954 "Stamford Advocate" listed CHARLES MITCHELL as Vice President of the Stamford Chapter of the N.A.A.C.P.

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Delaware

At Baltimore, Maryland

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District of Columbia

At Washington, D. C.

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The canvass of other informants familiar with CP activities failed to reflect any Communist infiltration in the Washington, D. C. NAACP Branch.

Florida

At Miami, Florida

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At Tampa, Florida

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According to the above informants, the Miami and Tampa chapters are the only chapters in Florida of the NAACP in which the CP has ever shown any interest.

Georgia

At Atlanta, Georgia

A canvass of reliable informants failed to reflect any infiltration in the branches of the NAACP in the Atlanta area on the part of the CP.

At Savannah, Georgia

Reliable established informants of the Savannah Division advised that there is no evidence of Communist infiltration of the NAACP.

Hawaii

At Honolulu, Hawaii

Informants and reliable sources reveal that the NAACP has not been in existence in Hawaii since it disbanded in 1949.

Idaho

At Butte, Montana

A survey reflects that there is no chapter of the NAACP in the state of Idaho.

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Illinois

At Chicago, Illinois

[redacted] that the membership for the year 1953 for the NAACP branches in and surrounding Chicago was 3,650.

[redacted] advised that one CHARLES P. HOWARD was a member of the Executive Committee of the Chicago Chapter of the NAACP.

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Connections with the CP

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[redacted] there are presently 22 branches of the N.A.A.C.P., constituting approximately 1,974 members, presently operating within territories in the Springfield Division.

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No information has been revealed indicating any CP infiltration of any of the remaining N..CCP branches located in the territority of the Springfield Division.

Indiana

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Indiana State officers of N.ACP are not known to be CP members or sympathizers, [redacted] b7C

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[redacted] the Indiana State convention [redacted] were delegates representing sixteen branches. Of the sixteen branches, attempts by the CP to infiltrate had been noted in the following branches: Indianapolis, Gary, South Bend, and Evansville.

Gary Branch

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Indianapolis Branch

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South Bend Branch

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Evansville Branch

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Informant related that several CP members at that time joined the NAACP, but had not been successful in infiltrating its policy. To the best of the informant's knowledge, there is presently no CP attempt in Evansville to infiltrate the NAACP.

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Iowa

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At Omaha, Nebraska

Local chapters of the N.A.C.P are located in Burlington, Ottumwa, Davenport, Des Moines, Sioux City, Cedar Rapids, and Waterloo, Iowa. There is no indication of any CP domination, control or infiltration of these locals or branches.

Kansas

At Kansas City

[redacted] advised that the Kansas City N.A.C.P Branch is the largest and most important chapter in the area of Kansas City. The informant stated that to the best of his recollection, there was no indication of any CP infiltration in the Kansas City branch or any other branch in the vicinity of Kansas City.

Kentucky

At Louisville, Kentucky

Officers

Of the officers listed for the Louisville chapter for 1954, Mr. PATRICK ROBERTSON is included as a member of the Executive Board.

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Membership

The following individuals are members of the Louisville Branch N.A.C.P: ANNE BRADEN, CARL BRADEN, BEATRICE PEARSON, [redacted] (Executive Board member), and PATRICK ROBERTSON.

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CP Interest in Plans for Infiltrating the Louisville Branch

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CP Use of NAACP Through Other Groups

The LANLC has made several approaches, [redacted] to the Louisville Branch of the NAACP soliciting the cooperation of the latter organization on various projects. The national headquarters of the NAACP has flatly condemned the NNLC and has prohibited any association or cooperation on the part of the NAACP with the NNLC.

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Maine

At Boston, Massachusetts

According to Boston informants, who are in a position to know of the activities of the Communist groups in the area of Boston and territories covered by the Boston Division, there is no evidence of any CP infiltration of the NAACP in Maine.

Maryland

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Massachusettes

At Boston, Massachusettes

According to Boston informants, who are familiar with CP activities, there is no indication of any CP infiltration of the NAACP in Massachusettes.

Michigan

At Detroit, Michigan

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The June 6, 1953 issue of the "Michigan Chronicle", a Detroit Negro weekly newspaper, on page one, column four, reports that the Detroit Branch of the NAACP regained first place as the organization's largest unit in the country. At the official closing of the recruiting program, the Branch had enrolled 8,200 members.

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The January 2, 1954 issue of the "Michigan Chronicle", page one, column 7, lists the 1954 officers of the local NAACP. The first Vice President is HORACE [redacted] WHITE.

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[redacted] the CP had been particularly unsuccessful in local NAACP infiltration.

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Minnesota

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

Scope and Organizational Structure

[redacted] the NAACP in Minnesota consists of approximately 1,450 members and has three branches located in the area of Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Duluth, Minnesota. b2 b7D

Subversive Ramifications

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[redacted] there has been no recent apparent organized effort by the CP to infiltrate local Twin Cities' Branches of the NAACP, and the organization's officials are generally well aware of the "leftist sympathies" of the few individuals who continue to be active and on the alert to any radical proposals which would not advantageously promote the NAACP Program. b2, b7D

SWP Infiltration in NAACP

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Mississippi

At New Orleans, Louisiana

Reliable informants in the New Orleans area have furnished no information indicating Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the southern district of Mississippi.

At Memphis, Tennessee

Reliable informants in the Memphis area have furnished no information indicating Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the northern district of Mississippi.

Missouri

At Kansas City

Reliable sources and informants have reported no Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the Kansas City area.

At St. Louis

Reliable sources and confidential informants have reported no Communist infiltration of the NAACP in the St. Louis area.

Montana

At Butte

There are only two active chapters of the NAACP in Montana, which are located in Butte and Billings. Reliable sources have furnished no evidence of attempts by the Communist Party to infiltrate these chapters.

Nebraska

At Omaha

The only local chapters of the NAACP in the State of Nebraska are located in Lincoln and Omaha.

Lincoln, Nebraska

advised that the Lincoln, Nebraska chapter of the NAACP has been inactive for the past year but that the officers of the Lincoln chapter are all believed to be loyal, reputable persons. This informant stated that this chapter never had over 75 members but no more than about 12 members would attend meetings. Informant has no knowledge that there ever has been an attempt on the part of the Communist Party to infiltrate the Lincoln, Nebraska chapter of the NAACP.

Omaha, Nebraska

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advised that to the best of knowledge there has been no Communist Party infiltration into the Omaha chapter of the NAACP. In addition stated that the majority of the people [redacted] are people of good standing in the community. The informant advised that none of the officers of the chapter were connected with the Communist Party [redacted]

Nevada

At Salt Lake City, Utah

Reliable informants in the Salt Lake City area have reported no information indicating Communist infiltration in the NAACP in the state of Nevada.

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New Hampshire

At Boston, Massachusetts

Reliable informants and sources of the Boston Division have furnished no indication of Communist Party infiltration of the NAACP in the State of New Hampshire.

New Jersey

At Newark, New Jersey

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At New Brunswick, New Jersey

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At Richland, New Jersey

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The February 18, 1952 issue of the "Albuquerque Tribune" carried an article stating that the Albuquerque branch of the NAACP was on record against Communism and its practices. The article further stated that the group, headed by HOBART LA GRONE, adopted a resolution at a meeting on February 17, 1952 which made revocation of membership mandatory for anyone or any group in the NAACP found to have Communist Party ideologies.

[redacted] informed that HOBART LA GRONE, State President of the NAACP and EDWARD L. BOYD, State Treasurer, had been alerted for possible Communist influences, particularly so that the NAACP would not fall for or sponsor any possible Communists and thus give the NAACP a bad name or reputation. b2, b7D

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New York

At Albany, New York

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At Schenectady, New York

[redacted]

At Syracuse, New York

On February 14, 1954 [redacted] advised that the local chapter of the NAACP had a membership of about one hundred. The following six individuals are members:

[redacted]

At Utica, New York

No information of interest reported.

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At Buffalo, New York

[redacted]

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Informants and reliable sources at Buffalo currently report no known Communist Party infiltration into the NAACP in the Buffalo Division. It is generally agreed by the informants that the Communist Party has expressed interest in dominating and influencing the NAACP locally.

At Rochester, New York

[redacted]

At New York City, New York

New York County, New York

The "New York Age" edition of June 2, 1951, page 3, column 4 contained an article entitled "White, NAACP, hits 'Red' Tag." LINDSAY H. WHITE, President of the New York branch, NAACP, stated in the article:

"the New York branch is, and never has been peopled or controlled by the Communist Party." WHITE'S remarks were made in retaliation to FREDERICK WOLTMAN'S comments in the "New York World Telegram and Sun" inferring that the New York branch, NAACP was Communist infiltrated.

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It is to be noted that the Jefferson School of Social Science has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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It is to be noted that WALTER WHITE is the national executive secretary of the NAACP.

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It is to be noted that BEN DAVIS is a former Councilman, Borough of Manhattan and is presently incarcerated in the United States penitentiary at Terre Haute, Indiana for conviction under the Smith Act of 1940.

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Officers

The "New York Amsterdam News" page 3, column 6, edition of January 30, 1954 contained an article entitled "Install Officials of New York NAACP." The officers were listed as follows:

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RUSSELL P. CRAWFORD, President
ODELL CLARK, Vice-President
Miss WINNIFRED NORMAN, Secretary
CEDRIC CLARK, Assistant Secretary
Mrs. ALONCITA FLOOD, Treasurer

[redacted] made available a pamphlet distributed publicly, entitled "The Forgotten People" published by the New York Conference of the NAACP branches. This booklet listed the following officers and executive committee members for the New York State Conference of the NAACP branches:

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Officers

EFFIE GORDON, Rye, New York, President
O. C. TURNER, East White Plains, New York, Treasurer.

Executive Committee

Mrs. EFFIE GORDON, Rye, New York, President
EDWARD GAMAREKIAN, Scotia, New York, First Vice-President.
Doctor BENJAMIN BULLOCK, JR., Niagara Falls, Second Vice-President.
Miss JENNIE R. REED, Poughkeepsie, New York, Assistant Secretary.
Mrs. CATHERINE SMITH, Massapoqua, New York, Director of Education.
HARRY A. VODERY, Albany, New York, Legislation.
THOMAS A. BROOKS, Staten Island, New York, Finance.
Miss DAWN FORCE, Troy, New York, Secretary
O. C. TURNER, East White Plains, New York, Treasurer.
JAWN A. SANDIFER, New York City, Legal Counsel

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At Queens County, New York

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It is to be noted that JACKSON died on March 29, 1953.

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At Nassau County, New York

[redacted]

The "Daily Worker" of November 3, 1952, page 8, column 1, identified STANLEY FAULKNER as a Congressional candidate for the Second District of New York on the American Labor Party (ALP) ticket.

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It is to be noted that the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case was organized to defend ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG, who were tried, convicted and on June 19, 1953 executed for conspiracy to commit espionage against the United States.

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The National Lawyer's Guild has been previously characterized in this report.

At Richmond County, New York

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At Rockland County, New York

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At Suffolk County, New York

[redacted] this branch was organized in 1950 and since that time there have been attempts on the part of certain individuals to infiltrate the Amityville branch. This informant stated that these individuals have been known to be active in the local ALP and furnished the following names: b2 b7D

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These individuals were described by the informant as active members in the ALP and are currently attempting to direct the activities of the local NAACP chapter.

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According to the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated March 3, 1951, released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, the ALP is described as follows:

"For years the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor

Party b[redacted] outside of New York City, they have been unable to win control."
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities Report March 29, 1944, page 78.)

[redacted]

At Ulster County, New York

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North Carolina

At Charlotte, North Carolina

Durham, North Carolina

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The contents of this directive have been previously set forth under the national section of instant report.

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The above informants know of no other Communists who are officers in the NAACP in Durham, North Carolina.

North Dakota

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

There is no NAACP branch located in the State of North Dakota, (according to [redacted] b2, b7D

Ohio

At Cincinnati, Ohio

Reliable informants and sources of the Cincinnati Division report no information reflecting Communist Party

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control or domination of the Cincinnati, Columbus or Dayton, Ohio branches of the NAACP.

A. Cleveland, Ohio

The "Cleveland Plain Dealer" issue of September 28, 1953 indicated that the then current principal officers of the Cleveland branch of the NAACP were Doctor JAMES E. LEVY, President and CHARLES P. LUCAS, Executive Secretary.

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[redacted] (PETIS PERRY has been convicted in New York City for violation of the Smith Act.)

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[redacted] (FRIEDA KATZ was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury on November 6, 1953 for violation of the Smith Act and is currently awaiting trial.)

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Oklahoma

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

There is no evidence of any Communist Party infiltration into the NAACP in Oklahoma.

Oregon

At Portland, Oregon

Reliable informants report that at the present

time there is no Communist Party infiltration of the Portland chapter of the NAACP and further that no attempts at infiltration have been made by the Communist Party for sometime.

Pennsylvania

At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Reliable informants reported that the Communist Party has been unsuccessful in placing Communist Party members in the leadership of the Philadelphia chapter of the NAACP and only in a few instances had Party members been able to join the NAACP.

At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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At Erie, Pennsylvania

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Rhode Island

At Boston, Massachusetts

Reliable informants and sources of the Boston Division report no activities of Communist Party infiltration into the NAACP in Rhode Island.

South Carolina

At Savannah, Georgia

[redacted] advised that Mrs. MODJESKA MONTEITH SIMKINS is the South Carolina State Secretary of the NAACP. b2, b7D

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At Charlotte, North Carolina

There is no indication of any Communist Party activity in the NAACP in South Carolina, covered by the Charlotte Division.

South Dakota

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

U (According to [redacted] there is only one small group of the NAACP currently active at Sioux Falls, South Dakota and there is no indication of any Communist Party infiltration in this chapter. 62 670

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Tennessee

At Memphis.

Nashville Branch

According to the "Nashville Banner" issue of February 25, 1954, Dr. LEE ALEXANDER LORCH was elected to the Executive Board of the Nashville Chapter of the NAACP. In addition, LORCH was elected by the Nashville Branch to be its representative at the South Regional NAACP Meeting at Savannah, Georgia, on February 27, 1954.

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Memphis Branch

[redacted] advised that the NAACP has an Adult Branch in Memphis as well as a Student Branch at Le Moyne College. The Adult Branch exercises some supervision over the Student Branch although the latter has met with only mediocre success.

Membership

The Adult Branch has had a widely varying membership, ranging from a claimed membership of five thousand to fifteen thousand. Although, as indicated above, membership is quite large, the meetings are generally poorly attended and normally there are considerably less than one hundred at any meeting.

Officers

This informant stated that the President of the Memphis Branch of the NAACP is Reverend VAN J. MALONE. According to [redacted] regarding MALONE, [redacted] as being the Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Chelsea, Memphis, Tennessee, and a veteran of World War II. He came to Memphis from Jackson, Tennessee, where he had previously been President of the Jackson NAACP Chapter.

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[redacted] the first Vice-President of the Memphis Branch of the NAACP is JAMES F. ESTES. Regarding the Vice-President JAMES ESTES, an article in the May 20, 1946, [redacted] of the "Nashville Banner" revealed that JAMES F. ESTES, Negro, Jackson, Tennessee, was a Provisional Officer of the Tennessee Organizing Committee of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW) having been named to the Executive Board there[redacted].

Regarding the SCHW, it is noted that the Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, published March 3, 1951, by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, reflects that the SCHW was cited as typical of completely Communist created and controlled organizations of the Civic Committee Fields. This citation is attributed to the California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report of 1948, pages 38 and 168.

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The United Negro and Allied Veterans of America has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted] advised that the Secretary of the Memphis Branch is GEORGE O. THOMPSON, [redacted]

Subversive Ramifications of the NAACP

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Le Moyne College Branch

[redacted]

Prior to 1952, the Le Moyne Chapter of the NAACP existed practically in name only. Upon the arrival of PHILIP JACK LORENZ and GEORGE O. THOMPSON as instructors at Le Moyne, however, they voluntarily sought membership in the NAACP and took such an interest in the organization that they became Faculty Advisors thereof. Since that time, they have shown what appears to be an unusual interest in all phases of the NAACP.

At Knoxville

Reliable and confidential sources reported no CP infiltration of the Knoxville Chapter of the NAACP.

Texas

At Dallas

Reliable informants and sources revealed no infiltration on the part of the CP in the NAACP in the area covered by the Dallas Division.

At El Paso

Reliable informants and sources advise that there is no evidence of any infiltration by Communists in the NAACP in the El Paso Division.

At Houston

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The President of the Houston Chapter of the NAACP is Reverend LEE H. SIMMON, Pastor, Pleasant Hill Baptist

[redacted]

Church [redacted] Houston, Texas, and the Executive Secretary is Mrs. C.V. [redacted]

[redacted] LULU BELL WHITE was Executive Secretary of the NAACP, Houston Chapter, until about 1948 when she was ousted due to a campaign brought against her by "The Informer", a Houston Negro newspaper. The basis for the campaign was Mrs. WHITE'S former CP activities.

[redacted] WHITE'S replacement as Executive Secretary of the NAACP was Mrs. C.V. ADAIR, Mrs. WHITE'S former Secretary and Assistant. The informant stated that Mrs. WHITE was made Director of the NAACP Branches in the State of Texas, reportedly by the National Headquarters of the NAACP in New York, which job she presently holds.

[redacted]

[redacted] advised that there was a branch of the NAACP, McNair, Texas, which at one time had been controlled by the CP members, but he did not know what the situation was at present. This informant knew of no other Chapters of the NAACP in the area which were influenced by the CP.

At San Antonio

Contact with reliable informants and confidential sources revealed no information indicating CP infiltration of the NAACP in the San Antonio Division.

Utah

At Salt Lake City

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Vermont

At Albany, New York

No information has been reported indicating infiltration of the NAACP in the State of Vermont by the CP.

VIRGINIA

At Richmond

Reliable informants have furnished no information indicating any CP infiltration in the NAACP Richmond area.

At Norfolk

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[redacted] Mrs. EVELYN da SILVA BENNETT is or was on Executive Board and her husband, DAVID BENNETT, attends meetings of the NAACP. b7C b7D

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[redacted] on March 29, 1954, advised that [redacted] was president in 1952 and 1953 b2 b7D

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[redacted] stated that the 1954 officers of the NAACP are not, to his knowledge, affiliated with the CP. b2 b7D

[redacted] on July 15, 1953 revealed that EVELYN BENNETT is no longer on the Board of Directors of the NAACP Norfolk Chapter [redacted] b7C b7D

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[redacted] the [redacted] officials of the Norfolk chapter are anti-Communist and the President, ROBERT D. ROBERTSON, threatened to drop out of the NAACP entirely about a year ago [redacted]

[redacted]

Washington

At Seattle

Infiltration Encouraged Through Communist Fronts

[redacted] advised that about five years previously the Seattle Chapter of the NAACP was "Communist infiltrated", but the Chapter had succeeded in ridding itself of the "Communists" and did not want to have the same thing happen again.

Action to Discourage Affiliation by Communists

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[redacted] stated that no CP member shall be accepted as a member of the NAACP. He suspects that about thirty five of the present six hundred and fifty members of the Seattle Chapter are either CP members or controlled, to some extent, by the CP. [redacted] is quite confident that he knows the extent of the Communist problem in the organization and has seen to it that none of the CP members or sympathizers have secured positions on the Board of Control.

Efforts of SWP to Infiltrate NAACP

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West Virginia

At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Charleston, West Virginia Chapter

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Wisconsin

At Milwaukee

Organization

[redacted] branches of the NAACP are located in Beloit, [redacted], Madison, Racine, and the Student Chapter situated at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Wisconsin.

Membership

[redacted] advised that the entire NAACP organization in Wisconsin has an approximate contributing membership of 1440.

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CP Infiltration

Reliable informants report no CP infiltration in [redacted] of the above named branches with the exception of the curr[redacted] attempt of the LYL to infiltrate the University of Wisconsin [redacted] Chapter.

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[redacted] advised that recent correspondence had been directed to the University of Wisconsin Branch of the NAACP from the National NAACP Headquarters, New York City, advising the Campus Branch that the National Headquarters was in receipt of information to the effect that certain members of the LYL, an organization cited by the Attorney General as subversive, were also members of the Campus NAACP and requested such members to be dismissed from the organization and their names removed from the membership roles. The informant advised no further information is available as to what action the Campus Branch might contemplate, but it is the informant's opinion that the Branch will probably be dissolved by the direction of the NAACP National Headquarters if no action is taken by the Campus Chapter along the requested lines. b2 b7A

Wyoming

At Denver, Colorado

Reliable sources cognizant of some CP and related activity in Wyoming have no information concerning the 1954 officers of the Casper, Wyoming Branch of the NAACP.

District of Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands

At San Juan

Reliable informants have reported no indication of CP infiltration of the NAACP in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

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Will continue to follow activities of CP infiltration of the NAACP on a national scale and report results by October 15 and April 15 of each calendar year.

REFERENCE: Bureau letters to NY, 2/10/54 and 4/28/54.

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A review of rerep reflects that the title thereof has been incorrectly set forth as Cominfil of this organization. For your information and future guidance the use of such abbreviated terms is not desired in communications which are disseminated outside the Bureau. Copies of rerep at the Bureau have been corrected accordingly and similar action should be taken with those copies of rerep which are retained in your office.

In addition, it is noted that line 3 of the last paragraph on page 30 sets forth the date for a convention of this organization held at Sacramento on March 22 and 23, 1954. Inasmuch as this information was received from [redacted] it would appear that the date 1954 should be corrected to read 1953. Appropriate action should be taken by your office in correcting this matter. Copies of rerep at the Bureau have been so corrected. b2 b2D

With regard to the dissemination of rerep as set forth in relet of July 19, 1954, you are advised that copies of rerep should be disseminated to the intelligence agencies on a local level as well as to those offices set forth in relet.

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